

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee constituted by the Government about a year ago to report on alarming picture of environmental pollution in India and health care system has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) A Committee on Environment and Health constituted by this Ministry has submitted its report covering various aspects of environmental pollution and related health issues. The recommendations made include the following: -

- Creation of an Environmental Health Cell in the Ministry.
- Environmental Epidemiological studies for the development of environmental health data base and information system.
- Creation of National Institute of Health Sciences with regional centers.
- Inter-Ministerial coordination.
- Training and Public awareness.
- Cooperation and collaboration with national and international institutions/agencies.

(c) An environmental health cell has been constituted in the Ministry for initiating the programmes and commissioning of environmental epidemiological studies.